

**Bureau of Land Management, Interior**

**§ 3286.4**

**§ 3286.3 Model designation of successor operator.**

Designation of successor Unit Operator \_\_\_\_\_, Unit Area, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, No. \_\_\_\_.

This indenture, dated as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, by and between \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter designated as "First Party," and the owners of unitized working interest, hereinafter designated as "Second Parties."

Witnesseth: Whereas under the provisions of the Geothermal Steam Act of December 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 1566, the Secretary on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, approved a unit agreement for the \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Area, wherein \_\_\_\_\_ is designated as Unit Operator; and

Whereas said \_\_\_\_\_ has resigned as such Operator,<sup>1</sup> and the designation of a successor Unit Operator is now required pursuant to the terms thereof; and

Whereas First Party has been and hereby is designated by Second Parties as a Unit Operator; and said First Party desires to assume all the rights, duties, and obligations of Unit Operator under the said unit agreement.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises hereinbefore set forth and the promises hereinafter stated, the First Party hereby covenants and agrees to fulfill the duties and assume the obligations of Unit Operator under and pursuant to all the terms of the \_\_\_\_\_ unit agreement, and the Second Parties covenant and agree that, effective upon approval of this indenture by the authorized officer, of the Minerals Management Service, First Party shall be granted the exclusive right and privilege of exercising any and all rights and privileges and Unit Operator, pursuant to the terms and conditions of said unit agreement; said unit agreement being hereby incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof as fully and effectively as though said unit agreement were expressly set forth in this instrument.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this instrument as of the date hereinabove set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(First Party)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Witnesses)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Second Party)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Witnesses)

<sup>1</sup>Where the designation of a successor Unit Operator is required for any reason other than resignation, such reason shall be substituted for the one stated.

I hereby approve the foregoing indenture designating \_\_\_\_\_ as Unit Operator under the unit agreement for the \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Area, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Officer,  
Bureau of Land Management.

[38 FR 35073, Dec. 21, 1973. Redesignated and amended at 48 FR 44792, 44794, Sept. 30, 1983]

**§ 3286.4 Model change of operator by assignment.**

Change in Unit Operator \_\_\_\_\_ unit Area, County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, No. \_\_\_\_.

This indenture, dated as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, by and between \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter designated as "First Party," and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter designated as "Second Party."

Witnesseth: Whereas under the provisions of the Geothermal Steam Act of December 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 1566, the Secretary on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, approved a unit agreement for the \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Area, wherein the First Party is designated as Unit Operator; and

Whereas the First Party desires to transfer, assign, release, and quitclaim, and the Second Party desires to assume all the rights, duties, and obligations of Unit Operator under the unit agreement; and

Whereas for sufficient and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the First Party has transferred, conveyed and assigned all his/its rights under certain operating agreements involving lands within the area set forth in said unit agreement unto the Second Party;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises hereinbefore set forth, the First Party does hereby transfer, assign, release, and quitclaim unto Second Party all of First Party's rights, duties and obligations as Unit Operator under said unit agreement; and

Second Party hereby accept this assignment and hereby covenants and agrees to fulfill the duties and assume the obligations of Unit Operator under and pursuant to all the terms of said unit agreement to the full extent set forth in this assignment, effective upon approval of this indenture by the authorized officer of the Minerals Management Service; said unit agreement being hereby incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof as fully and effectively as though said unit agreement were expressly set forth in this instrument.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this instrument as of the date hereinabove set forth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(First Party)

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(Witnesses)

(Second Party)

(Witnesses)

I hereby approve the foregoing indenture designated \_\_\_\_\_ as Unit Operator under the unit agreement for the \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Area, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Officer,  
Bureau of Land Management.

[38 FR 35073, Dec. 21, 1973. Redesignated and amended at 48 FR 44792, 44794, Sept. 30, 1983]

**Group 3400—Coal Management**

NOTE: The information collection requirements contained in parts 3400, 3410, 3420, 3430, 3450, 3460 and 3470 of Group 3400 have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3507 and assigned clearance number 1004–0073. The information is being collected to allow the authorized officer to determine if the applicant to lease, for or develop Federal coal is qualified to hold such lease. This information will be used in making those determinations. The obligation to respond is required to obtain a benefit.

(See 47 FR 33133, July 30, 1982)

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AUTHORITY: 30 U.S.C. 189, 359, 1211, 1251, 1266, and 1273; and 43 U.S.C. 1461, 1733, and 1740.

SOURCE: 44 FR 42609, July 19, 1979, unless otherwise noted.

**Subpart 3400—Introduction:  
General**

**§ 3400.0–3 Authority.**

(a) These regulations are issued under the authority of and to implement provisions of:

(1) The Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

(2) The Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of August 7, 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 351–359 *et seq.*).

(3) The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*).

(4) The Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, August 3, 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*).

(5) The Multiple Mineral Development Act of August 13, 1954 (30 U.S.C. 521–531 *et seq.*).

(6) The Department of Energy Organization Act of August 4, 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*).

(7) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

(8) The Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, as amended (90 Stat. 1083–1092).

(9) The Act of October 30, 1978 (92 Stat. 2073–2075).

(b) Specific citations of authority in subsequent subparts of this Group 3400 are to authorities from which the subpart is chiefly derived or which the subpart chiefly implements.

**§ 3400.0–5 Definitions.**

As used in this group:

(a) *Alluvial valley floor* has the meaning set forth in 30 CFR Chapter VII.

(b) *Authorized officer* means any employee of the Bureau of Land Management delegated the authority to perform the duty described in the section in which the term is used.

(c) *Bonus* means that value in excess of the rentals and royalties that accrues to the United States because of coal resource ownership that is paid as part of the consideration for receiving a lease.

(d) *Bypass coal* means an isolated coal deposit that cannot, for the foreseeable future, be mined economically and in an environmentally sound manner either separately or as part of any mining operation other than that of the